

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2140

Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church

7906 Sherwood Avenue

Baltimore, Baltimore County

1909

Private

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The original portion of the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church is a one-story, three-bay-wide structure. The building features an asphalt-shingled side gable roof, one interior end stretcher bond brick chimney, and a boxed and molded cornice and frieze with returns. The central entry is composed of a six-panel single-leaf wood door with three-light sidelights and a multi-light fanlight. Projecting over the entry is a pedimented portico that is three bays wide and supported by Tuscan columns. Flanking the entry are two round-arched double-hung windows with a round-arched upper sash and a six-light bottom sash. Two one-story, two-bay-wide gabled wings were constructed on the sides of the building. Two 8/8 windows pierce each wing. A larger addition was constructed circa 1990 at the northwest corner of the main block and west wing. This addition incorporated an interior stretcher bond brick chimney and an exterior stretcher bond brick chimney with shoulders. The entire structure is now parged with stucco, which conceals the structural system and foundation. The garage/wood shed dates to circa 1990 and is a wood frame structure clad in board-and-batten siding with an asphalt-shingled front gable roof.

(indicate preferred name)

other Watmough House

county Baltimore County

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

city, town	Baltimore	state	MD	zip code	21204
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city, town	Towson	tax map	69	tax parcel	899	tax ID number	0923001610
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☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other:

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	___	___ sites
___site		<u>X</u> domestic	___social	___	___ structures
___object		___education	___transportation	___	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory <u>1</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Constructed in 1909, the original portion of the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church is a one-story, three-bay-wide structure. The building features an asphalt-shingled side gable roof, one interior end stretcher bond brick chimney, and a boxed and molded cornice and frieze with returns. The central entry is composed of a six-panel single-leaf wood door with three-light sidelights and a multi-light fanlight. Projecting over the entry is a pedimented portico that is three bays wide and supported by Tuscan columns. Flanking the entry are two round-arched double-hung windows with a round-arched upper sash and a six-light bottom sash. Circa 1930, two one-story, two-bay-wide gabled wings were constructed on the sides of the building. Two 8/8 windows pierce each wing. A larger addition was constructed circa 1990 at the northwest corner of the main block and west wing. This addition incorporated an interior stretcher bond brick chimney and an exterior stretcher bond brick chimney with shoulders. The entire structure is now parged with stucco, which conceals the structural system and foundation.

The garage/wood shed dates to circa 1990 and is a wood frame structure clad in board-and-batten siding with an asphalt-shingled front gable roof. One pressed-vertical-board double-leaf door with lights and one pressed-vertical-board single-leaf door with lights pierce the one-story building. The poured concrete foundation has been parged.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1909-1915 **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1909, 1930 ca., 1990 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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The land now encompassing the community formerly known as Riderwood Station and Post Office began to take shape as early as 1850, when the Northern Central Railroad extended north roughly parallel with the present Bellona Avenue and intersected with West Joppa Road. The 1850 county atlas reveals the land as improved with a cotton mill, general store, schoolhouse, and Hunt's Meetinghouse.⁴ The farms that traversed the landscape were subdivided over the next twenty-seven years, and by 1877, many additional dwellings were constructed in the area.⁵ Located west of Towson and south of Lutherville, Riderwood appears to have been the location of a few country houses owned by wealthy families. The Walnut Hill, Chestnut Summit, and Rider family estates were located here. By 1915, several large suburban estates fronted West Joppa Road and Bellona Avenue. The Sherwood Park subdivision dates to this late 19th and early 20th century period of development in the Riderwood community. The area retains its turn-of-the-twentieth century character.⁶

¹ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

² *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915); see also *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

³ Baltimore County Historic Inventory.

⁴ J.C. Sidney, *Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland, from Original Surveys* (Baltimore, MD: James M. Stephens, 1850).

⁵ *Atlas of Baltimore County, Maryland* (Philadelphia, PA: G.M. Hopkins, 1877).

⁶ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property .50 Acre
Acreage of historical setting Unknown
Quadrangle name Cockeysville Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction in 1909, the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church has been associated with the .86 acres of land known as tax parcel 899 of map 69 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

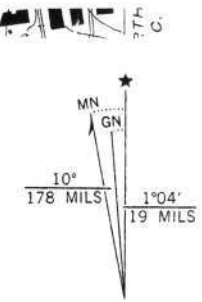
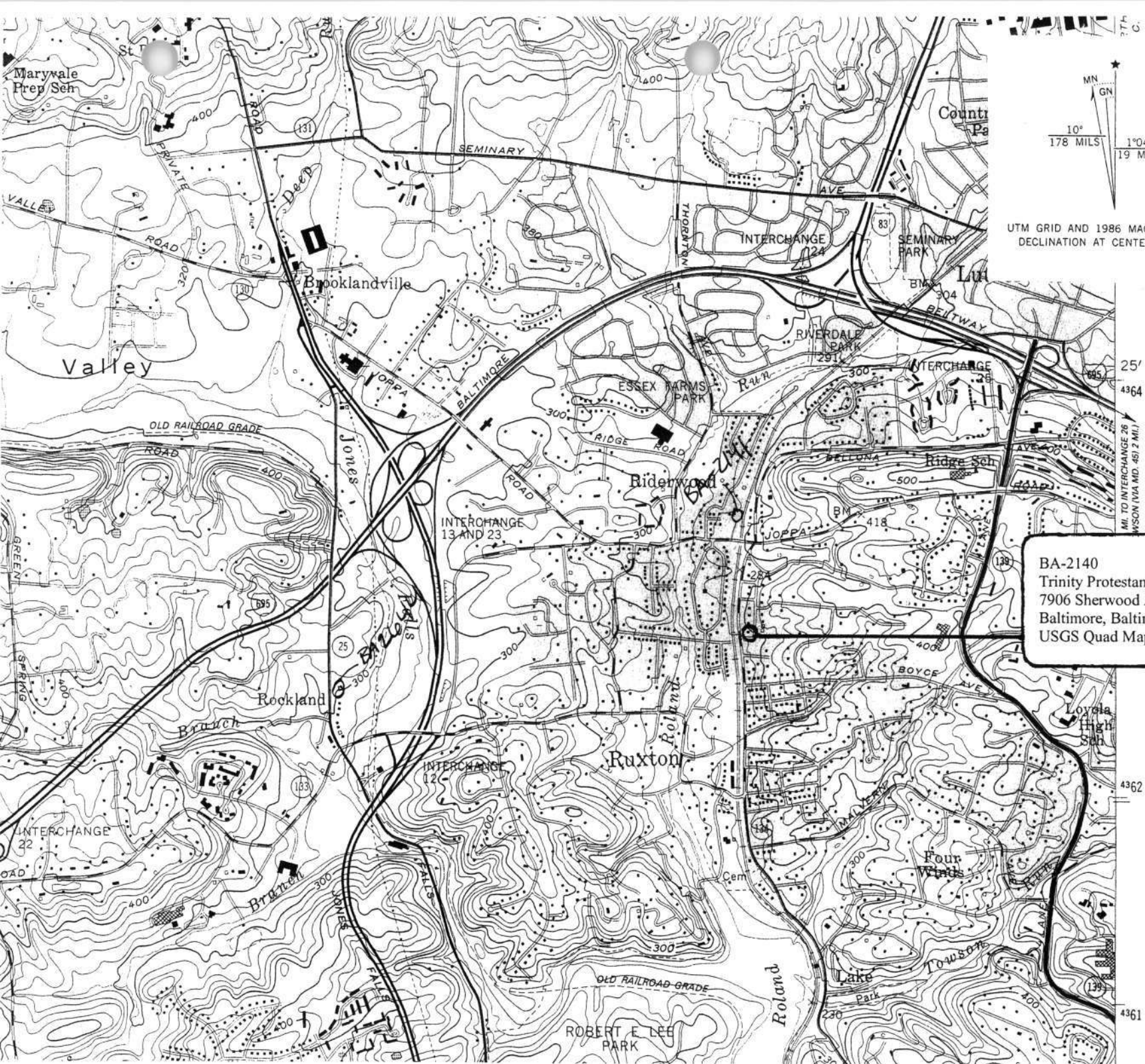
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USGS Quad Map: Cockeysville



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WATMOUGH HOUSE - 1909 - 7906 Sherwood Avenue, Ruxton (Sherwood Park subdivision). This classical revival dwelling was built in 1909 as a mission church of Trinity P.E. Church, Towson. Services were conducted here by the Rev. William Henry Harrison Powers until 1915 when Ruxton acquired a permanent Episcopal Church, the Good Shepperd Church. The Trinity vestry sold the structure to J.K. Kearney in 1915, and the structure has been used as a residence since then. The Kearney family owned the house until 1950. This is a small, 41 by 25 foot, one-story, stucco-covered house with a columned entrance portico. Located within sight of NCRR. Architect not recorded in church histories; not known to present owner. Owner: Mrs. Margaret B. Watmough.